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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

February 28, 1972

**\*1 Re: Operation of Automatic Car Wash in Violation of Section 64-1.1, etc., 1962 Code of Laws of South Carolina, commonly referred to as Sunday closing laws**

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Dear Mr. Marchbanks:

Your letter of February 22, 1972, has been received by the Attorney General and referred to me for response. In the letter, you request an opinion as to whether the Sunday operation of an automatic car wash connected with a service station would be legal. Customers of the station upon purchase of 'x' number of gallons of gasoline receive a 'free' car wash. An attendant is present to take the customer's money, but the customer drives his own automobile through the car wash.

You refer to a prior opinion of this Office by Carl. R. Reasonover dated December 30, 1968, in which the operation of an automatic car wash, wherein an attendant was present and attached the vehicle to an automatic track which carried the vehicle through the washing process, was found to be an unlawful violation of the Sunday Observance Laws.

Although the first situation you presented is slightly different from the one covered by the opinion, it is my opinion that it is nevertheless substantially similar and would be covered thereby. Therefore, your proposed activity would likewise be prohibited.

Very truly yours,

Edwin B. Brading  
Assistant Attorney General

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